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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )  
Hiroaki Hara, et al. ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
on AEROGEL AND METALLIC )  
COMPOSITES ) Group Art Unit: 1754  
Serial No.: 10/695,214 ) Confirmation No. 4508  
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PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)  
OF PRIOR FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS (37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6))

Dear Sirs:

Applicants hereby petition, in accordance with § 1.78(a)(6), to claim the benefit, for this application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of prior provisional applications:

Provisional Application No. 60/343,700 filed December 27, 2001;  
Provisional Application No. 60/390,174 filed June 19, 2002; and  
Provisional Application No. 60/412,755 filed September 23, 2002.

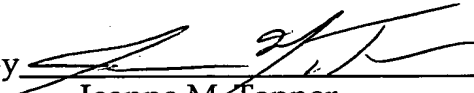
Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(5)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.

Applicants further enclose a Supplemental Application Data Sheet incorporating reference to prior filed provisional applications.

A check in the amount of \$1,370.00 in payment of the surcharge fee set forth in 1.17(t), required by 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(6)(ii), is hereby enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that any deficiencies in the fees be charged to Deposit Order Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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